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1. In late February 1953 a Soviet Legation official in Damascus gave a supply of 30 ampules of bogomoletz¹ to Ivan Ivanovich, owner of the Lactarium grocery store, for distribution to members of the Russian colony in Damascus.
2. The capsules are described by the Soviets as "rejuvenation pills"² which have proved their effectiveness in prolonging the life of Soviet officials.

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1. [REDACTED] in November 1949 the Charge d'Affaires at the Soviet Legation in Beirut returned from leave in the Soviet Union and brought a quantity of bogomoletz serum to Dikran Tosbath, editor of Le Soir. Tosbath was suffering from hypertrophy of the eye. The condition improved, and Tosbath wrote in his newspaper that the serum had cured his eye.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This is the second time, [REDACTED] that the Soviets have distributed bogomoletz to the local Russian colony. About a year ago the Soviets gave injections at their Legation to those who accepted the offer. [REDACTED] each ampule contains enough serum from two people.

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